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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A cover for an electronic device comprising:
a flexible sleeve, said sleeve having an opening in at least one end thereof for receiving an electronic device, wherein said sleeve is configured to allow the electronic device to be selectively removed from said sleeve; and
a means for applying said flexible sleeve onto said electronic device.
2. (Original) The cover for an electronic device as recited in claim 1 wherein said sleeve is comprised of plastic.
3. (Original) The cover for an electronic device as recited in claim 1 wherein said sleeve is transparent.
4. (Original) The cover for an electronic device as recited in claim 1 wherein said means for applying said flexible sleeve onto said electronic device is comprised of an open tubular member wherein a first end of said open tubular member is attached to said opening in said sleeve and a second end of said open tubular member is adapted to receive said electronic device.
5. (Original) The cover for an electronic device as recited in claim 4 wherein said means for applying said flexible sleeve onto said electronic device is comprised of a material selected from the group consisting of paper, cardboard, plastic and metal.

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6. (Original) The cover for an electronic device as recited in claim 1 wherein said means for applying said flexible sleeve onto said electronic device is releasably attached to said opening.

7. (Currently amended) The cover for an electronic device as recited in claim 1 wherein said applicator means for applying said flexible sleeve to said electronic device is permanently attached to said opening.

8. (Currently amended) A cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device, said cover comprising:

a flexible sleeve comprised of a top wall, a bottom wall, two side walls connecting said top wall and said bottom wall, a rear wall connecting said top wall, said bottom wall and said two side walls at a first end of said sleeve;

a sleeve opening defined by said top wall, said bottom wall and said two side walls at a second end of said sleeve; and

an applicator for facilitating positioning of said sleeve onto said hand-held electronic device, said applicator secured proximate to said sleeve opening, said applicator comprising a tubular member having a first opening end and a second opening end wherein said first opening end is secured to said sleeve opening and said second opening end is adapted to receive said hand-held electronic device, wherein said applicator and said sleeve are both configured to allow said hand-held electronic device to be selectively removed from said sleeve.

9. (Original) The cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim 8 wherein said flexible sleeve is comprised of plastic.

10. (Original) The cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim 8 wherein said flexible sleeve is transparent.

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11. (Original) The cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim 8 wherein said sleeve opening further comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive on an inner periphery of said sleeve opening, for selectively sealing said sleeve opening.

12. (Currently amended) The cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim 8 wherein said applicator is secured to said sleeve opening by an adhesive further ~~comprises a pressure sensitive adhesive on an outer periphery of an end of said applicator proximate to said first opening.~~

13. (Original) The cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim 8 wherein said applicator is releasably secured to said sleeve opening.

14. (Original) The cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim 8 wherein said applicator is permanently secured to said sleeve opening.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently amended) The cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim ~~15~~ 8 wherein said ~~cardboard~~ applicator further comprises a living hinge on opposite sides of said applicator.

17. (Currently amended) The cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim ~~15~~ 8 wherein said ~~cardboard~~ applicator is scored on opposite sides of said applicator.

18. (Cancelled)

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19. (Original) The cover for enveloping a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim 8 wherein said applicator is comprised of a material selected from the group consisting of paper, cardboard, plastic and metal.

20. (Withdrawn from consideration) A method for covering a hand-held electronic device, said method comprising:

providing a flexible sleeve for covering said hand-held electronic device, said flexible sleeve having an opening in at least one end thereof;

providing a tubular applicator for securing to said opening of said flexible sleeve;

placing said hand-held electronic device within said tubular applicator; and

pulling said tubular applicator and said flexible sleeve along said hand-held electronic device until said flexible sleeve covers at least a portion of said hand-held electronic device.

21. (Newly presented) A cover for a hand-held electronic device, said cover comprising:

a transparent sleeve having at least one opening in an end thereof; and

an applicator positioned proximate to said at least one opening,

wherein said applicator and said sleeve are adapted to receive a hand-held electronic device.

22. (Newly presented) The cover for a hand-held electronic device as recited in claim 21, wherein said applicator comprises a tubular member having a living hinge on opposite sides of said applicator.

23. A method for covering a hand-held electronic device, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a transparent flexible sleeve for covering said hand-held electronic device, said flexible sleeve having an opening in at least one end thereof;

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providing a tubular applicator for facilitating positioning of said sleeve onto said hand-held electronic device, wherein said applicator and said sleeve are both configured to allow said hand-held electronic device to be selectively removed from said sleeve;

placing said hand-held electronic device within said tubular applicator;

pulling said tubular applicator and said flexible sleeve along said hand-held electronic device until said flexible sleeve covers at least a portion of said hand-held electronic device so that said hand-held electronic device can be operated with said flexible sleeve positioned thereon.

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